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SUBJECT: CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION, 19TH SESSION, JULY 3-6, 1973.

1. POSITION PAPER SUBJECT MEETING HAND CARRIED BY USDEL DR. VIRGIL WODICKA. PLEASE INFORM DR. WODICKA USG POSITION FOR AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE. THE UNITED STATES POSITION IS TO SUPPORT ACTIVITIES WHICH REMOVE BARRIERS TO TRADE INCLUDING EXAMINATION OF STANDARDS WHICH MAY HAVE THAT EFFECT. HOWEVER, GATT ACTIVITIES SHOULD CAREFULLY AVOID ANY DUPLICATION WITH RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION. UNCLASSIFIED

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BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THAT GATT EFFORTS ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE ABOVE, THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTS EFFORTS IN THE GATT TO CONCLUDE A CODE OF CONDUCT ON THE USES OF PRODUCT STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATION. A TEXT HAS RECENTLY BEEN DRAFTED BY A GATT WORKING GROUP AND WE HOPE THAT THE REMAINING SUBSTANTIVE DIFFERENCES CAN BE RESOLVED IN THE NEAR FUTURE SO THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR COUNTRIES TO IMPLEMENT THIS CODE PRIOR TO CONCLUSION OF THE FORTHCOMING MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. WE NOTE WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE GATT CODE IS COMPLETELY CONSISTENT WITH THE WORK OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION--IN FACT, ONE OF THE MAJOR PURPOSES OF THE CODE IS TO ENCOURAGE THE KIND OF INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS ACTIVITIES ENGAGED IN BY THE COMMISSION. UNQUOTE.

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2. WILLIAM B. KELLY, JR., STR, WHO HEADED USDEL IN WORKING GROUP WHICH NEGOTIATED STANDARDS CODE IS IN GENEVA AND WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING CODE, IF NEEDED. RUSH

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